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Remarks

Applicants thank the Examiner for his careful consideration of the application.

Claims 1 – 16 stand rejected.

A Petition for Extension of Time under Rule 1.136(a) for one month(s) is enclosed herewith, extending the statutory period for response to January 27, 2006."

Claim Objections

Claims 3, 4, 10 and 17 has been objected to by the Examiner as having insufficient antecedent basis for limitations in the claims. Applicant has amended the claims to overcome these rejections.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 3 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ohki (US Patent No. 6,429,886) ("Ohki"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

In claim 1 as amended, Applicants recite a method for locating select multi-color images on a belt after an image on paper registration process. The method includes generating a test pattern, printing a test pattern, measuring at least one test pattern parameter, using the at least one test pattern parameter to determine a lateral distance required to shift a first registration mark having a first color to a desired location on the belt, shifting the first registration mark to the desired location on the belt, and using the lateral distance determined for the first registration mark to shift the placement of a second

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registration mark having a second color different from the first color on the belt. The first registration mark and the second registration mark are then used to locate a first color separation of the image and a second color separation of the image on the belt.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 as amended is allowable. Claim 1 as amended recites that the lateral distance determined for a first registration mark is used to shift the position of a second registration mark of a different color. The Examiner has not identified this limitation in the cited references. Therefore, claim 1 should be allowed.

Claims 2, 4, 8, and 9 should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed because they all depend from claim 1 and include all the limitations thereof.

Claims 15 and 16 have been canceled.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 3, 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohki in view of Omelchenko et al. (US Patent No. 6,275,244) ("Omelchenko"). Claim 7 has been canceled. The rejections to claims are respectfully traversed. Claims 3 and 6 depend from claim 1 and include all the limitations thereof. The Examiner has also not identified all the limitations of amended claim 1 in the combination of Ohki and Omelchenko.

Claims 10 – 14 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Inada (US Patent No. 6,452,147) ("Inada"), in view of Omelchenko. Claims 10-14 have been canceled.

New Claims

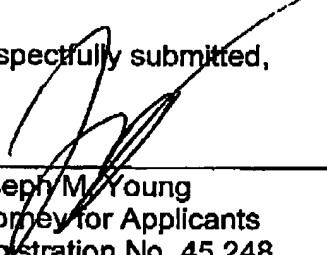
It is respectfully submitted that new claims 18-21 are allowable as submitted.

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Conclusion

A telephone interview is respectfully requested at the number listed below prior to any further Office Action, i.e., if the Examiner has any remaining questions or issues to address after this paper. The undersigned will be happy to discuss any further Examiner-proposed amendments as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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